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For: CONTENTS DISTRIBUTION METHOD AND SYSTEM

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Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and further to the August 26 and 27 telephonic interviews with Examiner Hayes, the period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A contents distribution method for distributing digitized contents to plural users, comprising the steps of:
 encrypting and distributing contents to the plural users;
 selecting by a user at least one of the encrypted content from the distributed contents;
 decoding the encrypted content using decoding information accompanying the encrypted content, the decoding information is based on a user information of the user and utilizing thereof by the user; and